

Item 4.1**Election of Deputy Lord Mayor****File No: S062388****Memorandum by the Chief Executive Officer**

To Council:

Sections 231(2) and (3) of the Local Government Act 1993 provide:

- (i) the Councillors may elect a person from among their number to be the deputy mayor; and
- (ii) the person may be elected for the mayoral term or a shorter term.

Payment of Fees

Section 249 of the Act provides:

- (i) a Council may pay the deputy mayor (if there is one) a fee determined by the Council for such time as the deputy mayor acts in the office of the mayor. The amount of the fee so paid must be deducted from the mayor's annual fee.

On 5 June 2000, the City of Sydney Council resolved to:

- (i) "Pay Councillors the maximum of the range (as determined annually by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal) as a matter of standing policy.
- (ii) Pay the Lord Mayor the maximum of the range (in addition to his fee as a Councillor) - as a matter of standing policy (less the Deputy Lord Mayor's fee).
- (iii) Pay the Deputy Lord Mayor, in addition to her fee as a Councillor, an amount equal to 10% of the mayoral fee actually paid to the Lord Mayor as a matter of standing policy."

Call for Nominations

At the Council meeting of 18 September 2017, Councillor Jess Miller was elected Deputy Lord Mayor in accordance with the provisions of section 231 of the Local Government Act 1993 for a term commencing immediately and ending on 30 September 2018.

Nominations for the office of Deputy Lord Mayor are now invited. Nominations must be made in writing by two or more Councillors (one of whom may be the nominee). Nomination forms will be provided to Councillors.

Conduct of Election

The Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 provides the method of conducting an election for Deputy Lord Mayor (further details on election procedures will be provided to Councillors). The last time the Deputy Lord Mayor's position was contested the method of voting selected by the Council was open, exhaustive voting.

Recommendation

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council elect a Deputy Lord Mayor for a term effective immediately until 30 September 2019;
- (B) the method of voting be by open, exhaustive voting; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer conduct the election forthwith.

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Chief Executive Officer